

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: BLOW MOLDED DRUM

DECLARATIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Declaration is submitted in support of the Petition to Make Special filed in this case.

1. I, Charmaine Shupe, am a Product Sales Specialist for Entegris, Inc. (hereinafter Entegris).

2. I am familiar with a blow-molded drum manufactured by Rikutec, a German company, and designated as "UC-Drum" on their advertising website at the address <http://www.rikutec.de/Behalter/UC-Drum/uc-drum.html>.

3. While I was at a customer site in Texas in October, 2002, I observed several hundred drums that were identical in appearance to the "UC-Drum" manufactured by Rikutec. Upon information and belief, the drums I observed were the "UC-Drum" manufactured by Rikutec, and were in process of being used to ship liquid chemical substances to other locations within the United States.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowldg are tru and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 16 Nov, 2002

By 
Charmaine Shupe